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SUBJECT: BOOK ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS IN USSR

1. AMERICAN NEWSMEN IN MOSCOW HAVE BECOME AWARE OF A BOOK BEING WRITTEN AT LEAST IN SOME PART BY VSEVOLOD SOFINSKIY, CHIEF OF THE MFA'S PRESS DIVISION, TO BE ENTITLED "ACCREDITED IN MOSCOW." PURPORTEDLY A DESCRIPTION OF HOW WELL THE FOREIGN PRESS IS TREATED IN THE SOVIET UNION (MANY ARTICLES HAVE APPEARED UNDER SOFINSKIY'S BY-LINE ON THIS THEME), IT IS SUSPECTED ALSO THAT THERE WILL BE SECTIONS CRITICAL OF THE BEHAVIOR OF CITED INDIVIDUALS.

2. WORKING ALONG WITH SOFINSKIY (WHO WILL APPEAR AS THE AUTHOR), PERHAPS DOING MOST OF THE "RESEARCH" AND WRITING, IS TANKRED GOLENPOLSKIY, NOW EMPLOYED AT RADIO MOSCOW. REPORTEDLY, GOLENPOLSKIY WAS PRESENTED THIS OPPORTUNITY "TO PROVE HIMSELF" AFTER HE APPLIED AT UPDK FOR A JOB AS TRANSLATOR/
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INTERPRETER FOR AN ENGLISH-LANGUAGE JOURNALIST.

3. RESIDENT US CORRESPONDENTS AWARE OF BOOK IN PREPARATION SPECULATE THAT IT MIGHT VERY WELL BE RICHLY ILLUSTRATED WITH PICTURES TAKEN OF THEM AS THEY COVER DISSIDENT AND COURTROOM STORIES, SOME TAKEN VERY OSTENTATIOUSLY AND SOME,

POSSIBLY, QUITE UNKNOWN TO THEM. REFERENCE IS
MADE TO THE RECENT HALF-HOUR TV DOCUMENTARY
ALLEGING THAT SPECIFIC US CORRESPONDENTS IN
MOSCOW WERE CIA OPERATIVES, WHICH WAS ILLUSTRATED
BY CANDID-CAMERA SHOTS OF THE NAMED CORRESPONDENTS
MEETING UNNAMED SOVIETS FOR ALLEGEDLY CLANDESTINE
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